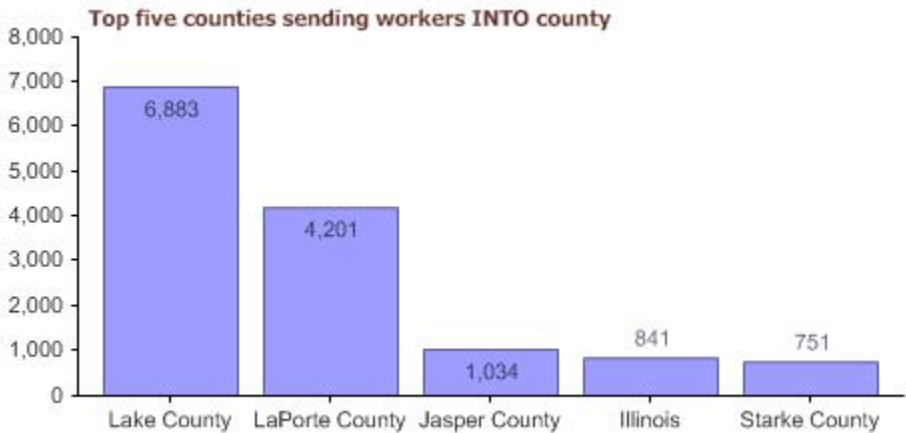# Porter County, IN Highlights

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

Commuting Data, 2007

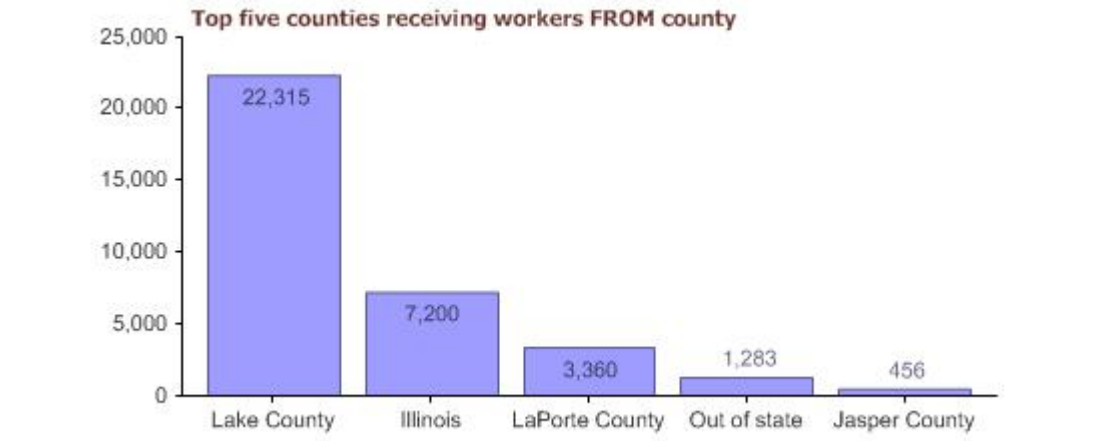|	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	107,546
Number of tax filers who work in the county	86,567
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	71,582
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	14,985

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Lake County	6,883	50.2%
LaPorte County	4,201	30.6%
Jasper County	1,034	7.5%
Illinois	841	6.1%
Starke County	751	5.5%

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Lake County	22,315	64.5%
Illinois	7,200	20.8%
LaPorte County	3,360	9.7%

Out of state	1,283		3.7%
Jasper County	456		1.3%

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Travel To Work in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	72,441	100.0%
Travel To Work	70,611	97.5%
Car, Truck, or Van	67,604	93.3%
Traveled Alone	61,918	85.5%
Carpooled	5,686	7.8%
Used Public Transportation	931	1.3%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	2,076	2.9%
Worked At Home	1,830	2.5%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	25.9	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	86.5	

Source: US Census Bureau